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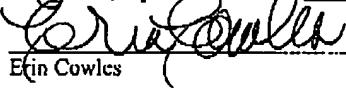
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Appl. No. : 10/750,355 Confirmation No. 3896
Applicant : Mathieu et al.
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AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Office Action of October 19, 2005, the shortened statutory period for response to which has been extended to February 21, 2006 (the first business day following February 19, 2006) by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, and in conjunction with the filing of a Request For Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.